

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A game machine circuit board case inspection method for inspecting a circuit board case [(39)] storing a control circuit board [(38)] having a predetermined electronic part [(47)] mounted thereon, the game machine circuit board case inspection method ~~being characterized by~~ comprising a seal confirming step [(15)] for confirming whether or not said circuit board case [(39)] has been sealed by sealing means [(49, 50)], and an intrinsic information reading step [(18)] for reading the intrinsic identification information [(48)] on said electronic part [(47)] stored in said circuit board case [(39)] after said seal confirming step [(15)].

2. (Currently Amended) A game board or game machine inspection method for inspecting a game board [(23)] or game machine [(20)] provided with a circuit board case [(39)] for storing a control circuit board [(38)] having a predetermined electronic part [(47)] mounted thereon, the game board or game machine inspection method ~~being characterized by~~ comprising a seal confirming step [(15)] for confirming whether or not said circuit board case [(39)] has been

sealed by sealing means [(49, 50)], and an intrinsic information reading step [(18)] for reading the intrinsic identification information [(48)] on said electronic part [(47)] stored in said circuit board case [(39)] after said seal confirming step [(15)].

3. (Currently Amended) A game board or game machine inspection method as set forth in Claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said seal confirming step [(15)] includes an imaging step [(90)] for imaging the sealing state of said sealing means [(49, 50)], and a seal deciding step [(91)] for analyzing the image data imaged in said imaging step [(90)] to decide whether or not said sealing means [(49, 50)] have sealed.

4. (Currently Amended) A game board or game machine inspection method as set forth in Claim 2 or 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said intrinsic information reading step [(18)] includes an imaging step [(106)] for imaging the intrinsic identification information [(48)] on said electronic part [(47)], a data converting step [(108)] for analyzing the image data imaged in said imaging step [(106)] to convert it into predetermined data, and a storing step [(110)] for storing said predetermined data converted in said data converting step [(108)] in a storing section [(109)].

5. (Currently Amended) A game board or game machine inspection method as set forth ~~in any of Claims~~ claim 2 through 4 or 3, characterized in that between said seal confirming step $[(15)]$ and said intrinsic information reading step $[(18)]$, there is a removing step $[(113)]$ for removing said game board $[(23)]$ or game machine $[(20)]$ in which said sealing means $[(49, 50)]$ have not sealed.

6. (Currently Amended) A game board or game machine inspection method as set forth ~~in any of Claims~~ claim 2 through 5 or 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein between said seal confirming step $[(15)]$ and said intrinsic information reading step $[(18)]$, there is a certificate stamp affixing step $[(17)]$ for affixing a management certificate stamp $[(51)]$ having the circuit board identification information $[(79)]$ written thereon to said circuit board case $[(39)]$.

7. (Currently Amended) A game board or game machine inspection method as set forth in Claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said intrinsic information reading step $[(18)]$ includes an imaging step $[(106)]$ for imaging the intrinsic identification information $[(48)]$ on said electronic part $[(47)]$ and said circuit board identification information $[(79)]$ written on the management certificate stamp $[(51)]$ on said circuit board case $[(39)]$, a data converting step $[(108)]$ for analyzing the image data imaged in the imaging step $[(106)]$ and converting

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the image data into predetermined data, and a storing step [(110)] for storing said predetermined data converted in said data converting step [(108)] in a storing section [(109)].